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In the Drawings:

The hot water return line is displayed in the Figures as item 220

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REMARKS - General

Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11, 14, 15 and 19 to address the Section 102 rejection.

Applicant modified Claim 20 and added it to the new base claim of Claim 21 to address the Section 112 and Section 103 rejections as this configuration is not in Lujan, Jr. (4,606,325) nor anticipated by Spicher (5,829,467).

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner that the hot water line being purged through the cold water line would be obvious to someone skilled in the art based on Spicher. Spicher discloses the present of a hot water line being purged but not through the cold water line. Purging through the cold water line in the current invention is a great enhancement to the art that is novel and new and adds the efficiency of the system. This has not been disclosed in the prior art. This allows the current invention to be retrofitted into existing systems.

Also applicants have rewritten all claims to define the invention more particularly and distinctly so as to overcome the technical rejections and define the invention patentably over the prior art.

Conclusion

For all of the above reasons, applicant submits that the specification and claims are now in proper form, and that the claims all define patentably over prior art. Therefore the applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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